

Media Release

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Cache County, Utah - August 13, 2013

6 pm Update -- Millville Fire

Fire crew's continue to make progress. Relatively calm winds throughout the day aided firefighting efforts. The fire's perimeter remained unchanged, approximately 2250 acres has burned and is 20% contained. There remains large areas of unburned fuel within the perimeter which creates the potential for spotting and poses a threat to containment.

Fire crews worked primarily at securing the southern part of the fire along the Blacksmiths Fork road as well as keeping fire out of interior islands of unburned vegetation within critical drainages near the south and southeast flanks of the fire.

Most of the remaining fire activity is occurring in very steep terrain making fire line construction difficult. A Northern Utah Type 3 Incident Command Team continues managing the incident. 150 personnel are working on the fire, including five hand crews, five engines, 2 helicopters, and 2 air tankers. Periodically the helicopters and air tankers are called away from the fire to support other wildfire incidents in the area.

The structure protection plan for the Chokecherry Subdivision will not be in effect Tuesday night as the threat has been significantly mitigated, however firefighters will continue to periodically patrol the area.

Millville Canyon remains closed. The road in Blacksmiths Fork Canyon is open to through traffic only. People driving up the Blacksmiths Fork road must keep moving and not stop to observe the fire or watch fire-fighting operations.

The Millville Fire started on Sunday morning, August 11, 2013 by lightning.

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